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DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Electronic Resources Limited, 8685 Miralani Drive, San Diego, California 92126 is voluntarily recalling about 5,000 units of a power strip with surge protection. The power strip has inappropriate size wire that is not secure and has poor grounding. As a result, it presents fire and electric shock hazards to consumers.

The power strip comes with 4 (model PW-102) or 6 (model PW-101) outlets. It is packaged in a green retail box with black lettering and a picture of the power strip. The power strip is not labeled but the retail box is labeled in part, "ER***POWER STRIP MODEL***6FT POWER CORD***HECHO EN CHINA." The product was brought to CPSC's attention by the U.S. Customs Service after a lot of the product was recently entered into the United States. Neither the firm or CPSC is aware of any injuries associated with the item. This press release is being issued to prevent injuries.

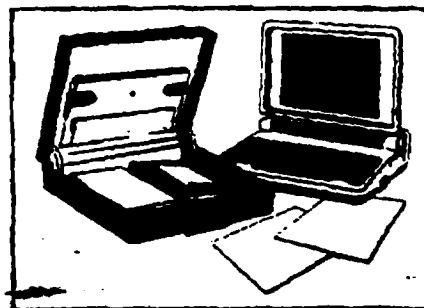
(DRAWING/PHOTO OF POWER STRIP)

The power strip was imported (DATES TO BE ENTERED) and distributed in this country until about March 9, 1998. The power strip was distributed to 56 consignees located in (NAME OF STATES TO BE ENTERED). Consumers should immediately stop using these items and return them to the place of purchase or Electronic Resources, Ltd. for a full refund. Consumers may call Electronic Resources, Ltd. toll-free at 1-800-795-0050 for more information or to ask questions.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from the unreasonable risk of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800)638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800)638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301)504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information via Internet gopher services at cpsc.gov or report product hazards to info@cpsc.gov.

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VIA TELEFAX

May 7, 1998

Mr. Isaac Berlin
Electronic Resources, Ltd.
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92126

RE: FW98-0006

Electronic Resources Limited
4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge
protection, made in China models PW-101 & PW-102

Dear Mr. Berlin:

Thank you for the fax of May 6, 1998 submitted in reply to our letter of April 14, 1998.

For the Notice to your direct consignees, please change the last sentence of the second paragraph to read, "We shall also issue a full credit for those units that are returned to you from consumers." For the point of purchase poster please add the following after the sentence that ends with the word, "refund": "This product presents potential electric shock and fire hazards." Also, "Post until August 30, 1998" should be changed to, "Post until September 30, 1998". Please make these changes as soon as possible and begin your mailing to your direct consignees in this country with a copy to this office.

Your customer list did not fax very well due to the small print. Please fax it to me in larger print or re-send it to me via mail or fast delivery service. As we have previously requested, we also need the address (at least the city and state) of each direct consignee in this country.

We shall now be working on a joint draft press release. Once a document is prepared it will be supplied to you for review and comment. For publicity purposes, we are in need of as many as a dozen units for our Office of Information and Public Affairs. Please try to secure these units from your direct consignees and or the lot under Custom's control. They should be sent to: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, OIPA-Jane Francis, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Md. 20814-4408.

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Please supply us with the requested information and revised documents within 5 days of your receipt of this letter. Your continued interest and cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Lawrence S. Blend

Compliance Officer

U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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bcc footnote: a R/D press release will be prepared and submitted ASAP.

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Item No.: PW101

Returns are not included in Sales Quantities.

Customer No.	Name	Invoice Quantity	Amount	Discount Amount	Profit	Profit %
PW101	8 Outlet Power Center	Unit of Measure: each				
1013	ALL ELECTRONICS CORPORAT	338.00	751.34	0.00	193.64	25.8
1130	AUDIOWOOD PRODUCTS	882.00	1,948.80	0.00	138.00	13.2
1282	JAVIER LOPEZ LOPEZ	20.00	46.00	0.00	15.00	31.3
1284	A-1 ELECTRONICS	12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
1304	ACCESSORIES CLUB	7.00	16.80	0.00	5.25	31.3
1763	ANNEX INDUSTRIAL	12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
2013	B & S ELECTRONICS*	12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
2108	US ULTIMATE CONSIGNMENT	18.00	43.20	0.00	13.50	31.3
3029	CARLOS ARCE H.	1.00	2.40	0.00	0.76	31.3
3077	COMPUTER CORNER/RADIO S	12.00	28.80	0.00	9.00	31.3
3083	Cd Rate	20.00	80.00	0.00	28.95	48.0
3130	TIMBERLINE TELECOM	6.00	12.60	0.00	4.25	34.0
3186	COMTEC-JAMES F. ORTIZ	20.00	46.20	0.00	16.20	32.9
3226	GIT	5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
3874	SOUND SOLUTIONS	20.00	80.00	0.00	17.00	34.0
4188	DORIAN'S TIJUANA, S.A. DE C.V.	480.00	919.00	0.00	280.01	28.2
5004	Electronica Tijuana	20.00	71.00	0.00	30.00	53.6
5009	OMAR SANCHEZ	2.00	5.00	0.00	1.70	34.0
5014	ELECTRONICA CENTRAL	5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
5021	ELECTRONICA REINBERG S.A.D	8,000.00	18,879.81	0.00	1,871.42	10.0
5086	ER OF MEXICO, LTD	941.00	1,788.44	0.00	236.79	13.2
5118	ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTING	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.80	31.3
5182	ENERDYNE TECH INC.	4.00	10.40	0.00	3.80	36.5
5141	ELECTRONICA SAJA 88 SINSEN	64.00	163.80	0.00	48.00	31.3
5271	ELITE MUSIC DIST.	27.00	78.38	0.00	31.31	41.7
5502	Fantasy Stores	8.00	28.48	0.00	15.20	53.6
5572	P & D ENTERPRISES	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.80	31.3
5581	FAM ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, INC	64.00	201.80	0.00	63.00	31.3
7008	MORE ELECTRONICS & AUTO	12.00	27.87	0.00	7.77	28.2
7016	GUNTER WHOLESALE CO	6.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
8012	HERNANDEZ TV	2.00	8.40	0.00	6.10	64.9
8075	THE HARGIS CO., INC.	100.00	240.80	0.00	75.00	31.3
8128	HOWARD'S TV & APPLANCE	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.80	31.3
8381	JV ELECTRONICS/SUS VELA	15.00	39.95	0.00	9.20	27.1
9003	INDUSTRIAL LIQUIDATORS	772.00	1,732.80	0.00	488.00	28.6
9025	IMAGE HOSPITALITY CONS.	20.00	46.00	0.00	15.00	31.3
10086	JAMCO ELECTRONICA S.A.	3.00	9.37	0.00	1.02	17.1
10073	TV JACKS	80.00	144.00	0.00	48.00	31.3
13044	LSN ELECTRONICS*	48.00	116.25	0.00	36.00	31.3
12100	LIBERTY ELECTRONICS	6.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
12116	LEE'S WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT	46.00	105.36	0.00	28.18	26.8
13028	ELECTRO IMPORTADORA ADR	804.00	967.80	0.00	136.00	13.2
13136	CORPORACION MEXELSA	616.00	1,876.80	0.00	820.48	26.2
13145	MANUEL CRUCES	6.00	9.35	0.00	1.70	17.1
13362	ROGER BOLD CANARA	6.00	13.88	0.00	4.08	28.2

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Customer No.	Name	Invoice Quantity	Amount	Discount Amount	Profit	Profit %
13238	MORRISON ENG	22.00	68.00	0.00	18.78	31.3
18088	SOUNDTEK MUSIC	64.00	138.00	0.00	45.99	34.0
17843	JOYCE PEREZ	118.00	287.80	0.00	87.75	34.0
17114	PARASO MUSICAL	12.00	28.80	0.00	8.00	31.2
18006	RADIO SHOP	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.80	31.3
18147	ROSALES T.V.	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.98	31.3
18214	RYA INTERNATIONAL INC	80.00	208.00	0.00	225.60	72.1
20047	TRI COUNTY CONSULTANTS	10.00	24.00	0.00	7.50	31.3
20187	SON THANH O	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.80	31.3
20188	SOUND ELECTRONICS	6.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
20234	AUDIO VIDEO COMPUTER SOL	17.00	40.80	0.00	12.75	31.3
20288	SUPER ELECTRONICS II	24.00	57.60	0.00	18.00	31.3
20708	CAR STEREO	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.50	31.3
21026	TRINITY TELCOM INC.	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.50	31.3
21238	12 VOLT POWER SYSTEMS	1.00	2.80	0.00	0.85	34.0
21480	BEAVERS BAND BOX	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.50	31.3
22080	KONEX	18.00	39.40	0.00	12.00	31.3
24535	Venture TV Video Center	16.00	24.00	0.00	7.30	31.3
24448	ADOURA MUSIC	12.00	28.00	0.00	18.25	47.9
28908	ZION ELECTRONICS	48.00	105.36	0.00	28.16	24.9
30028	California Pacific Comm.*	16.00	24.00	0.00	7.80	37.3
Total for Item No.: PW781		14,888.88	32,761.16	0.00	4,727.37	16.4
Repeat Total			32,761.16	0.00	4,727.37	16.4

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Form No.: PW101

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Customer No.	Name	Invoice Quantity	Amount	Discount Amount	Profit	Profit %
PW101	6 Outlet Power Center	Unit of Measure: each				
1013	ALL ELECTRONICS CORPORAT	336.00	751.34	0.00	103.64	25.8
1130	AUDIOWOOD PRODUCTS	852.00	1,046.80	0.00	138.00	13.2
1202	JAVIER LOPEZ LOPEZ	20.00	46.00	0.00	15.00	31.3 EXPORT
1204	A-1 ELECTRONICS	12.00	28.00	0.00	9.00	31.3
1306	ACCESSORIES CLUB	7.00	16.00	0.00	5.25	31.3
1763	ANIMEX INDUSTRIAL	12.00	28.00	0.00	9.00	31.3
2013	S & S ELECTRONICS	12.00	28.00	0.00	9.00	31.3
2100	US ULTIMATE CONSIGNMENT	18.00	49.20	0.00	13.50	31.3
2029	CARLOS ARCE H.	1.00	2.40	0.00	0.78	31.3
3077	COMPUTER CORNER/RADIO S	12.00	28.00	0.00	9.00	31.3
3083	Old Rate	20.00	80.00	0.00	26.95	46.8
3130	TIMBERLINE TELECOM	8.00	12.60	0.00	4.25	34.0
3196	COMTEC-JAMES F. ORTIZ	20.00	49.20	0.00	16.20	32.9 EXPORT
3236	CIT	6.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
3574	SOUND SOLUTIONS	20.00	50.00	0.00	17.00	34.0
4188	DORIAN'S TIJUANA, S.A. DE C.V.	400.00	919.00	0.00	250.01	28.2 EXPORT
5004	Electronics Tijuana	20.00	71.00	0.00	36.00	50.6 EXPORT
5006	OMAR SANCHEZ	2.00	6.00	0.00	1.70	34.0
6014	ELECTRONICA CENTRAL	5.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3 EXPORT
6021	ELECTRONICA REMBERG S.A.D	3,008.00	18,679.81	0.00	1,871.42	10.0 EXPORT
6086	BR OF MARS, LTD	941.00	1,789.44	0.00	236.78	13.2 EXPORT
6110	ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTING	2.00	4.80	0.00	1.80	31.3
6132	ENERDYNE TECH INC.	4.00	18.40	0.00	3.80	36.8
6141	ELECTRONICA SAJA de ENSEN	64.00	163.80	0.00	46.00	31.3 EXPORT
6271	ELITE MUSIC DIST.	27.00	78.36	0.00	31.81	41.7
6602	Factory Store	8.00	28.00	0.00	15.20	54.3
6672	F & D ENTERPRISES	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.90	31.3
6881	FRAN ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, INC	84.00	201.60	0.00	65.00	31.3
7000	MORE ELECTRONICS & AUTO	72.00	27.57	0.00	7.77	28.2
7016	GUNTER WHOLESALE CO	6.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
8013	HERNANDEZ TV	2.00	8.40	0.00	6.10	64.9
8075	THE HARGIS CO., INC.	100.00	240.00	0.00	75.00	31.3
8129	HOWARD'S TV & APPLANCE	6.00	14.40	0.00	4.90	31.3
8301	JV ELECTRONICS-JESUS YELA	18.00	39.86	0.00	9.20	27.1
9003	INDUSTRIAL LIQUIDATORS	772.00	1,732.80	0.00	488.00	28.5
9025	IMAGE HOSPITALITY CONS.	20.00	48.00	0.00	16.00	31.3
10086	JANCO ELECTRONICA S.A.	2.00	5.97	0.00	1.02	17.1 EXPORT
10073	TV JACKS	82.00	144.00	0.00	45.00	31.3
12044	LEJ ELECTRONICS	48.00	115.20	0.00	36.00	31.3
12100	LIBERTY ELECTRONICS	6.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
12116	LEE'S WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT	48.00	108.28	0.00	28.16	24.8
13028	ELECTRO IMPORTADORA ADR	804.00	867.80	0.00	126.00	13.2 EXPORT
13138	CORPORACION MEXIUSA	616.00	1,676.80	0.00	620.40	26.3 EXPORT
13149	MANUEL CRUCES	6.00	9.85	0.00	1.70	17.1
13302	ROGER BOLD CAMARA	6.00	13.80	0.00	4.00	28.2

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13336	MORRISON ENG	22.00	68.00	0.00	16.70	24.5
15068	SOUNDTEK MUSIC	54.00	135.00	0.00	45.90	34.0
17043	JOYCE PEREZ	115.00	287.00	0.00	97.75	34.0
17114	PARASO MUSICAL	11.00	28.00	0.00	9.00	31.3
18006	RADIO SHOP	2.00	4.00	0.00	1.50	31.3
18147	ROSALES T.V.	2.00	4.00	0.00	1.30	31.3
18214	RTA INTERNATIONAL INC	60.00	308.00	0.00	225.50	73.2
20047	TRI COUNTY CONSULTANTS	10.00	24.00	0.00	7.30	31.3
20187	SON THANH O	8.00	14.40	0.00	4.60	31.3
20488	SOUND ELECTRONICS	8.00	12.00	0.00	3.75	31.3
20234	AUDIO VIDEO COMPUTER SOLI	17.00	40.80	0.00	12.75	31.3
20288	SUPER ELECTRONICS II	24.00	57.80	0.00	18.00	31.3
20708	CAR STEREO	2.00	4.00	0.00	1.50	31.3
21028	TRINITY TELCOM INC.	8.00	14.40	0.00	4.50	31.3
21109	12 VOLT POWER SYSTEMS	1.00	2.80	0.00	0.85	34.0
21480	BEAVERS BAND BOX	2.00	4.00	0.00	1.50	31.3
22080	KONEX	16.00	36.40	0.00	12.00	31.3
24035	Venture TV Video Center	18.00	24.00	0.00	7.50	31.3
24448	AGOURA MUSIC	12.00	36.00	0.00	16.20	47.8
28008	ZION ELECTRONICS	48.00	105.28	0.00	28.16	24.9
30028	California Pacific Comm.	10.00	24.00	0.00	7.50	31.3
Total for Item No.: PW101		14,895.00	26,761.15	0.00	4,727.37	16.4
Report Total			26,761.15	0.00	4,727.37	16.4

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ATTENTION

SAFETY PRODUCT

RECALL

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has notified us that there exists a substantial product hazard in regards to our product PW101 and PW101, 4 and 6 outlet power strips. The product poses electric shock and fire hazard to consumers. In response to this notification we are hereby issuing a recall on this product. If you have any of these in stock, please return them to us for full credit plus shipping.

Please notify any of your customers that have purchased same to return the product to us, or to you! for full refund of purchase price. We shall also issue a full credit for those who return to you from consumers.

We are enclosing a poster indicating the recall for you to post in your establishment for at least 120 days.

We thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely Yours,

Electronic Resources Ltd.

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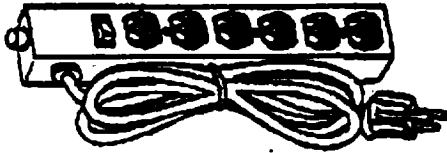
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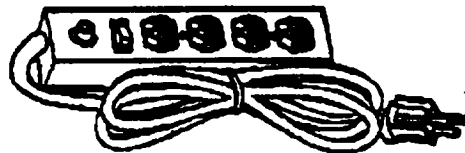
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WARNING!

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Product: PW101/PW102**Description: Power strips 4 and 6 outlet**

PW-101
6 OUTLET POWER STRIP
With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord



PW-102
4 OUTLET POWER STRIP
With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord

If you have purchased the above power strips please discontinue use and return to place of purchase or return to ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMITED for full refund. Questions: 1-800-795-0050

Mail to: Electronic Resources Ltd.
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Post until August 30, 1998

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PHONE: 619.575.2200 FAX: 619.546.5999

ATTENTION

SAFETY

PRODUCT RECALL

electric shock & they produce electric shock & fire hazards to consumers

The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has notified us that there exists a substantial product hazard in regards to our product PPT101 and PPT101, 4 and 6 outlet power strips. In response to this notification we are hereby issuing a recall on this product. If you have any of these in stock, please return them to us for full credit plus shipping.

Please notify any of your customers that have purchased ours to return the product to us, or to you, for full refund of purchase price. We shall issue a full credit for these units within at least 120 days. We are enclosing a poster indicating the recall for you to post in your establishment. We thank you for your cooperation.

We shall also issue a full credit for those who return to you from consumers

Sincerely Yours,
Electronic Resources Ltd.

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WARNING!

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Product: PW101/PW102

Description: Power strips 4 and 6 outlet



PW-101
6 OUTLET POWER STRIP
 With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
 6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord

PW-102
4 OUTLET POWER STRIP
 With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
 6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord

If you have purchased the above power strips please *immediately* discontinue use and return to place of purchase or return to **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMITED** for full refund. Questions: 1-800-785-0050

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Product: PW101/PW102**Description: Power strips 4 and 6 outlet****PW-101****6 OUTLET POWER STRIP**With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord**PW-102****4 OUTLET POWER STRIP**With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord

If you have purchased the above power strips please *immediately* discontinue use and return to place of purchase or return to **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMITED** for full refund. Questions: 1-800-785-0050 *these products present safety risks and fire hazards*

Mail to: **Electronic Resources Ltd.**

Attn. Receiving Department

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April 14, 1998

Mr. Isaac Berlin
Electronic Resources, Ltd.
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92126

RE: FW98-0006

Electronic Resources Limited
4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge
protection, made in China models PW-101 & PW-102

Dear Mr. Berlin:

Thank you for the fax letter of April 2, 1998 and enclosures concerning the above matter.

We have completed our review of your draft notice to your direct consignees and your draft point-of-purchase poster. Our hand written comments for each document are shown on the enclosed. Please re-write the draft documents incorporating our comments and re-submit them for our final review.

We are still waiting for the information requested in our March 9, 1998 letter: "Your response should also include the number and dates by model number imported, the dates of distribution in this country, the names and address of each United States' consignee, the number exported by model number, the amount by model number each United States' consignee received and your current inventory of each model number."

Your immediate attention and further reply is requested.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Blend
Compliance Officer
U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
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972-231-5317 (fax)
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Establishment file
Marc Schoem
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bcc footnote: Per conference call with Marc Schoem on
4/13/98.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
ATTN LAWRENCE S. BLEND

DEAR SIR;

...This letter is to inform you of the corrective action to be taken by us in regards to the problem with the power strips.

- 1) Enclosed is copy of letter to be sent to all clients that have purchased these products.
- 2) Copy of poster to be placed in prominent position in establishments of clients that have sold these products
- 3) We are negotiating with Customs to either release one piece for us to look at or to allow us a chance to physically look at units at their location, so that we may ascertain if it's the same quality as the previous lot.
- 4) We are compiling a list of all our customers that have purchased these items from us and we will contact them by phone to expedite the return of same to us.

Please let us know if there is any further questions or suggestions you can give us.

BEST REGARDS


ISAAC BERLIN

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*my presence from
other stores
just to
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Please notify any of your customers that have purchased same to return the product to us, or to you^{also} for full refund of purchase price. *We shall also give a full credit for those units return*

We are enclosing a poster indicating the recall for you to post in your establishment. *for at*

least 120 days.

We thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely Yours,

Electronic Resources Ltd.

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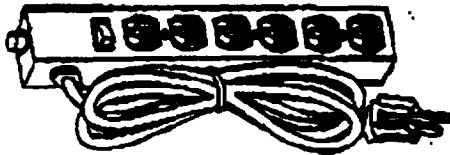
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WARNING!

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Product: PW101/PW102

Description: Power strips 4 and 6 outlet



PW-101

6 OUTLET POWER STRIP

With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord

PW-102

4 OUTLET POWER STRIP

With Surge Protection Circuit Breaker,
6 FT. 14 GA Power Cord

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return to **ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMITED** for full refund. **These products present electric shock and fire hazards* Questions: 1-800-795-0050

Mail to: Electronic Resources Ltd.

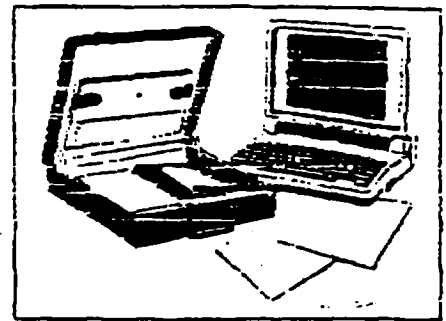
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(DALLAS SATELLITE OFFICE)



Telephone: (972) 231-5023
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From: Lawrence S. Blend (Compliance Officer)

Date:

4/2/98

Subject: FW 98-0006; Firm's proposed CAP

Comments: Please review. My suggested changes are hand written. As soon as I get shipping data I will prepare a draft Press Release.

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS TRANSMITTAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

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March 9, 1998

Mr. Bernado Shteremberg, President
Electronic Resources Limited
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92126

Re: FW 98-0006
Electronic Resources Limited
4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection,
made in China models PW-102 & PW-10F

Dear Mr. Shteremberg:

The staff of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission completed its examination of the above power strips with surge protection sampled as 98-860-5670/1. These samples as you know from a telephone conversation with Compliance Officer Lawrence S. Blend on October 21, 1997 were obtain from lots imported by your firm but intended for export to Mexico. During that same conversation plus later in your letter dated January 16, 1998 you reported that the items from the same foreign supplier have previously been imported by your firm and distributed in this country.

After careful consideration, the staff has made a preliminary determination that the above power strips with surge protection distributed in this country present a substantial product hazard as defined by section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2064. Specifically, the items have inappropriate wire gauge and the wiring is not mechanically secure. Grounding is poor. The poor grounding creates a potential electrocution hazard. The undersized wiring creates a fire hazard when used with high wattage appliances.

The Commission staff welcomes and will give full consideration to any comments or additional information from you concerning our preliminary determination. The staff will meet with you as necessary to discuss your comments or corrective action.

The Commission staff requests that you take voluntary action to notify consumers and to recall or correct the hazardous units which are in the chain of distribution from your firm and in the possession of consumers in this country. If you agree to take voluntary corrective action, please submit a written corrective action plan describing the actions which you plan to take.

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Section 1115.20(a) of the enclosed regulations on Substantial Product Hazard Reports, outlines the elements of an appropriate corrective action plan. Also enclosed are examples of recall actions taken by firms that you may find useful. The staff will review your plan promptly and discuss with you any suggestions it has or additional measures it believes Electronic Resources Limited should take.

Additionally, rather than the Commission unilaterally issuing a press release, the staff believes ~~it~~ would be appropriate for your firm and the Commission to issue a joint press release announcing the recall. The staff will work with you to develop and issue a mutually acceptable release.

A voluntary corrective action plan must include an agreement that the Commission may publicize the terms of the plan and inform the public of the nature and the extent of the alleged substantial product hazard. Please read carefully the enclosed document on "Information Disclosure" dated May 12, 1983. This document discusses the statutes and regulations which govern the Commission's disclosure of information and explains Commission staff's policy on the disclosure of information concerning product recalls and similar actions.

When the corrective action program begins, the Western Regional Office will monitor the progress of the corrective action. The staff requests that you provide monthly progress reports to the Western Regional Office, using the enclosed form.

Once agreement is reached on a corrective action plan and the plan is implemented, if appropriate, the staff will also investigate and assess whether it believes you have complied with the reporting requirements of Section 15(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b). That section requires every manufacturer, distributor, and retailer of a consumer product who obtains information which reasonably supports the conclusion that the product contains a defect which could create a substantial product hazard, or creates an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death to immediately inform the Commission of the defect unless the firm has actual knowledge that the Commission has been adequately informed of the defect or the risk. See 16 C.F.R. Part 1115.

The CPSA prohibits the violation of the reporting requirement. Firms may be liable for a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each product involved up to a maximum of \$1.5 million for any related series of violations. Sections 15(b), 19(a)(4), 20 and 21 of the CPSA, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b), 2068(a)(4), 2069 and 2070, describe a manufacturer/importer's obligations to furnish information to the Commission and the penalties for failing to furnish such information.

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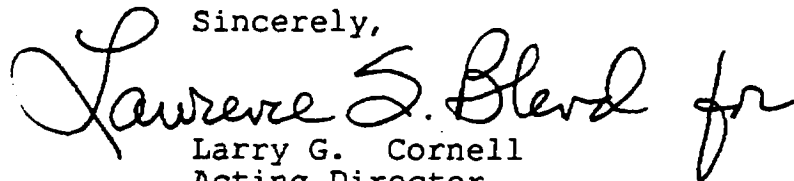
If you receive any information concerning incidents, injuries, or information affecting the scope, prevalence or seriousness of the defect or hazard, you are required to report that information to this office immediately. Additionally, if you receive information which might indicate that your corrective actions are not satisfactory in eliminating the defect or hazard or that the effectiveness of the corrective action program is less than what has been reported, you must report that information to the Western Regional Office.

We request a response within 10 working days from receipt of this letter. Your response should also include the number and dates by model number imported, the dates of distribution in this country, the name and address of each United States' consignee, the number exported by model number, the amount by model number each United States' consignee received and your current inventory of each model number. Your reply should be addressed to:

Lawrence S. Blend, Compliance Officer
U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
1708 Arvada Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081-2132

The Commission staff will make every effort to work closely and cooperatively with you to assure a successful corrective action plan which will protect the public while at the same time create a minimum of burden and inconvenience for your firm. If you have any questions or desire assistance in responding to this letter, you may contact Compliance Officer Lawrence Blend at 972-231-5023 (phone) and/or 972-231-5317 (fax).

Sincerely,



Larry G. Cornell
Acting Director
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on 3/9/98.

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NOTE: BE sure firm knows that all power
strips ever produced are covered by this COL.
TW/PCM

DRAFT

Mr. Bernado Shteremberg, President
Electronic Resources Limited
8685 Miralani Drive
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Re: FW 98- 0006
Electronic Resources Limited -
4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection, made
in China models PW-102 & PW-101

Dear Mr. Shteremberg:

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Sincerely,

Larry G. Cornell
Acting Director
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Author: Pamela C. Major at CPSC-HQ2
Date: 1/30/98 10:28 AM
Priority: Normal
TO: Traci J. Williams, Ronald T. Reichel at CPSC-LSEL
CC: Larry S. Blend at CPSC-HQ1
Subject: PDP Conference Call Room 714

Re: Electronic Resources Ltd. (44-38-0006)

The Preliminary Determination Panel will meet at approximately 10:45am Wednesday 2/4 in Room 714.

Ron, if you still have the samples please return them to me or the warehouse. We will call you on (301) 413-0189.

Be reminded that the scheduled time is not exact.

Was a Times letter sent on the gun lock?

Lorin will work at today if agree go

1/4 pd & Pam will finalize drafts

& note 2/5

2/17: Pam will work at

2/23: Signed pd received - need final case opening letter.

3/3: ~~Rebecca~~ should get final soon from Pam

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Author: Norvan K. Allen at cpssc-hq1
Date: 1/30/98 11:01 AM
Priority: Normal
Receipt Requested
TO: Larry S. Blend at cpssc-hq1
Subject: Electronic Resources

Larry, -

I talked to Sandra Driggers, our LA Customs contact about samples 98-860-5670/1, power strips entered by Electronic. She said Customs has seized these shipments at the request of UL for "Intellectual Property Rights" violations.

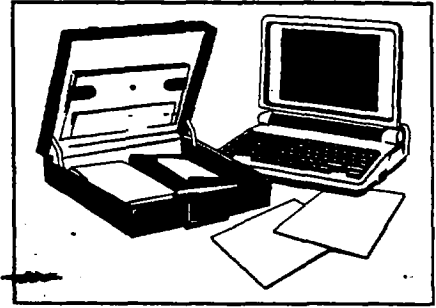
The Customs contact in LA for this seizure is Bruce Rasmussen, (310) 514-6075.

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1708 Arvada Drive
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(DALLAS SATELLITE OFFICE)



Telephone: (972) 231-5023
Fax: (972) 231-5317

From: Lawrence S. Blend (Compliance Officer)

Date: 1/29/98

Subject: Electronics Resources Ltd. 98-860-5670/1

Comments: Based upon the attached, please process the
pd, Status sheet + Draft Case Opening letter submitted
by "CC: mobile" on 11/27/97. Data search received 1/6/98
revealed nothing.

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January 16, 1998

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San Francisco, CA 94107-1370
Attn. Lawrence S. Blend
Compliance Officer

Mr. Blend,

Reference is made to your letter dated Jan. 7, 1998 regarding your samples 98-860-5670/1.

We hereby confirm that the sampled lots are being exported to Mexico and that we can supply the appropriate exportation records as soon as you release the goods to us, so that we can export same to Mexico.

Regarding previous importation's of these products, these were supplied to us from China National Electronics import and export Zhejiang Co.

We can only assume that they are made to the same spec.'s as the sample lots, as we have not seen these units. We have purchased this product from China National as sampled and since we are dealing with a large and prestigious company owned by the Chinese Government we expect the products to come in as represented.

Since this incident has occurred we now know there could be a potential problem and I assure you that we will inspect any and all product that comes in from China National.

Sincerely,


BERNARDO SHTEREMBERG
President
ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIMITED

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January 7, 1998

Mr. Bernado Shteremberg, President
Electronic Resources Limited
8605 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92126

Dear Mr. Shteremberg:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation on October 21, 1997 concerning the 4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection, made in China, models PW-102 & PW-101 (our samples 98-860-5670/1).

During the telephone conversation you indicated that the sampled lots were intended for exportation to Mexico. Please supply us with written confirmation to this affect along with a copy of the applicable exportation records.

Also during the telephone conversation, you mentioned that the items had been previously imported by your firm and distributed in this country. Please inform us in writing whether these previous importations were made to the same specifications as the sampled lots and also supplied by the same Chinese firm, China National Electronics Import & Export Zhejiang Company. If not, please supply us with a 3 unit sample of each different item or if no sample is available a list of customers who received them by name, address, number of units received and date(s) received.

Once we receive your reply we shall be in a position to continue our review of this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Blend
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Date: 1/7/98 11:47 AM

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CC: Pamela C. Major at CPSC-HQ2, Traci J. Williams at CPSC-HQ2, Eric L. Stone at CPSC-HQ2,
Marc J. Schoem at CPSC-HQ2

TO: Catherine E. Downs at CPSC-HQ2

CC: Larry G. Cornell at CPSC-WRO, Keven J. Barton at cpsc-hq1

Subject: Re: Electronci Resources Limited

Cathy: I shall prepare a draft letter to obtain more information about past importations and supply it to you for review.

I am unaware that the exportation of the sampled lots needs to be reported to the Mexican government. There has been no finding by the Commission that the Power strips & Surge Protectors are Substantial Product Hazards. Therefore, the items are not in violation of the law at this time. If I am wrong, please let me know and also inform me who will write the Mexican government.

Thanks!

Reply Separator

Subject: Electronic Resources Limited

Author: Catherine E. Downs at CPSC-HQ2

Date: 1/7/98 12:12 PM

After reviewing the information in the file, I am reluctant to forge ahead and ask the firm for a recall on previously imported products without getting further information. Based on our past experience with these types of products, we know that an importer can get what they believe is the "same product" from many different manufacturers. These products may be made in 10 small factories and each's quality control or techniques may be different. We would need to know if the previous imports were made by the same factory to the same specs. If their origin was different, then we'd need to evaluate samples of those surge protectors as well. You may already know some of this information but I did not find it available here. If the products that we tested are to be imported to Mexico we do need to let the Mexican Embassy know that the shipment is coming and what our findings were.

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Mr. Bernado Shteremberg, President
Electronic Resources Limited
8685 Miralani Drive
San Diego, California 92126

Dear Mr. Shteremberg:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation on October 21, 1997 concerning the 4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection, made in China, models PW-102 & PW-101 (our samples 98-860-5670/1).

During the telephone conversation you indicated that the sampled lots were intended for exportation to Mexico. Please supply us with written confirmation to this affect along with a copy of the applicable exportation records.

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Once we receive your reply we shall be in a position to continue our review of this matter. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Blend

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TO: Catherine E. Downs at CPSC-HQ2

CC: Pamela C. Major at CPSC-HQ2, Larry G. Cornell at CPSC-WRO

Subject: Letter to Electronics Resources Ltd.

Please review, change and/or approve the attached letter to the firm.

Thanks!

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Electronic Resources Limited
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San Diego, California 92126

Re: FW 98-
Electronic Resources Limited
4 & 6 outlet power strips with surge protection, made
in China models PW-102 & PW-101

Dear Mr. Shteremberg:

The staff of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has completed its examination of the above power strips with surge protection sampled as 98-860-5670/1. These samples, as you know from a telephone conversation with Compliance Officer Lawrence S. Blend on October 21, 1997 were obtain from lots imported by your firm but intended for export to Mexico. During that same conversation you reported that the items have previously been imported by your firm and distributed in this country.

After careful consideration, the staff has made a preliminary determination that the above power strips with surge protection present a substantial product hazard as defined by section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2064. Specifically, the items fail to conform to paragraphs 10.1.3, 16.7 and 20.1 of voluntary standard UL1363. The items have inappropriate wire gauge and the wiring is not mechanically secure. Grounding is poor. The poor grounding creates a potential electrocution hazard. The undersized wiring creates a fire hazard when used with high wattage appliances. See the attached Engineering report. We are aware of no injury or incidents involving these items.

The Commission staff welcomes and will give full consideration to any comments or additional information from you concerning our preliminary determination. The staff will meet with you as necessary to discuss your comments or corrective action.

The Commission staff requests that you take voluntary action to notify consumers and to recall or correct the hazardous units which are in the chain of distribution from your firm and in the possession of consumers in this country. If you agree to take voluntary corrective action, please submit a written corrective action plan describing the actions which you plan to take.

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Section 1115.20(a) of the enclosed regulations on Substantial Product Hazard Reports, outlines the elements of an appropriate corrective action plan. The staff has also enclosed examples of recall actions taken by firms that you may find useful. The staff will review your plan promptly and discuss with you any suggestions it has or additional measures it believes Four Seasons General Merchandise should take.

Additionally, rather than the Commission unilaterally issuing a press release, the staff believes it would be appropriate for your firm and the Commission to issue a joint press release announcing the recall. The staff will work with you to develop and issue a mutually acceptable release.

A voluntary corrective action plan must include an agreement that the Commission may publicize the terms of the plan and inform the public of the nature and the extent of the alleged substantial product hazard. Please read carefully the enclosed document on "Information Disclosure" dated May 12, 1983. This document discusses the statutes and regulations which govern the Commission's disclosure of information and explains Commission staff's policy on the disclosure of information concerning product recalls and similar actions.

When the corrective action program begins, the Western Regional Office will monitor the progress of the corrective action. The staff requests that you provide monthly progress reports to the Western Regional Office, using the enclosed form.

Once agreement is reached on a corrective action plan and the plan is implemented, if appropriate, the staff will also investigate and assess whether it believes you have complied with the reporting requirements of Section 15(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b). That section requires every manufacturer, distributor, and retailer of a consumer product who obtains information which reasonably supports the conclusion that the product contains a defect which could create a substantial product hazard, or creates an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death to immediately inform the Commission of the defect unless the firm has actual knowledge that the Commission has been adequately informed of the defect or the risk. See 16 C.F.R. Part 1115.

The CPSA prohibits the violation of the reporting requirement. Firms may be liable for a civil penalty of \$6,000 for each product involved up to a maximum of \$1.5 million for any related series of violations. Sections 15(b), 19(a)(4), 20 and 21 of the CPSA, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b), 2068(a)(4), 2069 and 2070, describe a manufacturer/importer's obligations to furnish information to the Commission and the penalties for failing to furnish such information.

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If you receive any information concerning incidents, injuries, or information affecting the scope, prevalence or seriousness of the defect or hazard, you are required to report that information to this office immediately. Additionally, if you receive information which might indicate that your corrective actions are not satisfactory in eliminating the defect or hazard or that the effectiveness of the corrective action program is less than what has been reported, you must report that information to the Western Regional Office.

We request a response within 10 working days from receipt of this letter. Your response should also include the number and dates by model number imported, the dates of distribution in this country, the name and address of each United States' consignee, the number exported by model number, the amount by model number each United States' consignee received and your current inventory of each model number. Your reply should be addressed to:

Lawrence S. Blend, Compliance Officer
U. S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
1708 Arvada Drive
Richardson, Texas 75081-2132

The Commission staff will make every effort to work closely and cooperatively with you to assure a successful corrective action plan which will protect the public while at the same time create a minimum of burden and inconvenience for your firm. If you have any questions or desire assistance in responding to this letter, you may contact Compliance Officer Lawrence Blend at 972-231-5023 (phone) and/or 972-231-5317 (fax).

Sincerely,

Larry G. Cornell
Acting Director
Western Region

Enclosures

Status Report Form
Information Disclosure Sheet
Examples of Notification Measures
CPSA and its Regulations
Lab report for samples 98-860-5670/1

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Author: Larry S. Blend at cp̄sc-hq1

Date: 10/21/97 1:17 PM

Priority: Urgent

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TO: Keven J. Barton at cp̄sc-hq1, Michael P. Krause at cp̄sc-hq1,

Larry G. Cornell at CPSC-WRO, Pamela C. Major at CPSC-HQ2, Norvan K. Allen at cp̄sc-hq1

Subject: 98-860-5670/1: Power cords

Today, I received a phone call from Bernardo Shteremberg, President of Electronic Resources Limited, 8685 Miralani Drive, San Diego, Ca. 92126 (619-578-3200). This firm is listed as the importer of record by Customs for the above samples.

I explained to Mr. Shteremberg that we were in the process of determining whether the cords present fire and/or electric shock hazards. Mr. Shteremberg informed me that the sampled shipment was imported for the purpose of exporting it to a customer in Mexico. I asked him if Customs was aware of this fact. He said he did not think so. I advised him to have his broker contact Customs and explain the situation.

In answer to my question, Mr. Shteremberg, reported that he has in the past imported these cords and distributed them in the USA. I told him in reply that we still, therefore, would determine whether the cords were hazardous and inform him of the results.

Keven/Mike: You may wish to alert Customs that the firm claims the sampled shipment is for export only to Mexico.

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Contact: Jane Francis
(301) 504-0580 Ext. 1187

CPSC, Electronic Resources Ltd. Announce Recall of Power Strip Surge Protectors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Electronic Resources Ltd. of San Diego, Calif., is recalling about 5,000 power strip surge protectors. The power strips have undersized and loose wires and poor grounding, presenting fire, shock and electrocution hazards to consumers.

CPSC and Electronic Resources Ltd. are not aware of any injuries involving these power strips. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury.

There are two models of power strips being recalled: model PW-101 and model PW-102. Model PW-101 has six outlets and Model PW-102 has four outlets. There is no labeling on the power strips, but they are 6 feet long and they are made of a light tan metal with black outlets and power cords. The power strips were sold in green cardboard boxes with black lettering that reads in part, "ER...POWER STRIP...MODEL...6FT POWER CORD...HECHO EN CHINA." A picture of the power strip appears on the box.

Small electronic parts stores in Arizona, California, Texas and Washington sold the power strips from May 1993 through March 1998 for about \$4.

Consumers should stop using the recalled power strips immediately. To receive a refund, consumers should return the power strips to the store where purchased or to the company. Consumers should call Electronic Resources Ltd. at (800) 795-0050 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PDT Monday through Friday for instructions on returning the power strips to the company or for more information about this recall.

U.S. Customs alerted CPSC to this product hazard.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or via Internet gopher services at <gopher.cpsc.gov>. Consumers can report product hazards to info@cpac.gov. To establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, create a link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpacpub/prere/phtml98/98117.html>.

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